

CHAMBER WILL AID THE AUDITORIUM

It Votes Appropriation to Buy Twenty Shares.

AROUSES A LONG DISCUSSION

Amendment to Constitution Providing for Authority to Purchase Stock in Business Corporations Fails of a Two-thirds Vote—Proposition to Change Government Committed.

From the adoption of a resolution warmly endorsing the auditorium project, which was defined as a matter of vital policy for the chamber, to the consideration of a vital change in the mode of government for the District of Columbia, was the road traveled by the Chamber of Commerce at its May meeting last night at the headquarters in F street. Between these extremes the chamber voted down the proposed amendment to the constitution providing for authority to purchase stock in corporate enterprises, and attended to a little routine business.

The subjects under discussion brought out all the heavy guns of oratory in the chamber's arsenal of eloquence. Not a dull minute passed in the three hours' debating and a fairly good volume of business resulted.

Callahan Presents Resolution.
The resolution endorsing the auditorium project and voting an appropriation to the purchase of stock amounting to \$1,000 was introduced by D. J. Callahan and was as follows:

Whereas the National Auditorium Company has for its object the construction of a building that will not only fill a long-felt need, but will materially aid in the development of our city and its resources; and whereas the project is of such a nature as to be of great benefit to the city of Washington, and will undoubtedly bring direct benefit to every business interest therein; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce, through its board of directors, commend most enthusiastically the object of the enterprise, and recommend the appointment of a committee of five by the president to confer with the projectors with a view of aiding in every way possible the progress of the enterprise; be it further

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce, wishing to evidence its substantial endorsement, appropriate out of the money now in the treasury the sum of \$1,000 as a contribution to the cause, and resolve in return thereof twenty shares of the capital stock of the National Auditorium Company. Mr. Callahan explained that the resolution had received the unanimous approval of the board of directors, and carried a recommendation that the appropriation to buy the stock be made by the chamber. Mr. Callahan spoke strongly in favor of the project, declaring that it meant much for its business interests, and would forever do away with the stigma now applied to the Capital City that it has no place to house even a small convention.

Long Debate Follows.

The resolution literally let loose the rivers of debate. Several lawyers raised strong objection. They surrounded the proposition with a halo of horrors, declaring that it opened the flood gate wide for all sorts of schemes for depleting the treasury of the chamber, entangling it in outside corporate ventures, and recommending it completely from the purpose for which it was formed. The business men took a different view. They declared, or one of them did, that they could get along without the lawyers or the help of the Supreme Court in so plain a business as the building of the proposed auditorium.

Some of the lawyers joined the ranks of the business men, and before the discussion ended, it was made clear that there was really no objection to the proposition worthy of the name, and it was passed with only six dissenting votes.

At one stage in the consideration of the question an amendment was offered to strike out the concluding words of the resolution and make a straight-out donation of \$1,000 to the enterprise without the receipt of stock, but this was voted down, on an explanation from Capt. James Oyster that the method adopted for building the auditorium was upon a stock subscription, and there was no way in which the company could well receive a gift such as proposed. Moreover, he suggested that the stock might be its own value, and more, and could be disposed of after the building was erected, and the chamber reimbursed.

List of the Speakers.

Those taking a part in the discussion of the subject were: George E. Sullivan, Ross Andrews, A. Leftwich Sinclair, W. C. Sullivan, P. T. Moran, Julius Pels, John Fleming, F. L. Siddons, Isaac Ganser, Allen D. Albert, T. C. H. Vance, P. M. Brown, and James F. Oyster.

While the members were feeding in good humor over the passage of the resolution, A. C. Moses, saying that it was a good time to give vent to a little enthusiasm, subscribed \$1,000 to the auditorium fund. Isaac Ganser subscribed \$500 for Saks & Co., and Harry King a shiny amount for King's Palace. A. C. Moses was then recognized by President Gude and took up the matter of the amendment to the constitution providing for authority to be lodged in the chamber to subscribe for the stock of corporations with a view to their encouragement, after they had been properly investigated by the committee on manufactures and the appropriation for the purpose had been voted by the chamber.

Mr. Moses Pleads for Change.

Mr. Moses in presenting the subject to the chamber made a most impressive speech. He declared that the body had come to the parting of the ways where it would go forward to the accomplishment of something definite for the upbuilding of the business interests of

SUBJECTS ACTION UPON.

Callahan resolution endorsing National Auditorium Company project and subscribing \$1,000 to the capital stock; passed by practically a unanimous vote.

Proposed amendment to constitution authorizing the chamber to invest money in the stock of manufacturing enterprises; lost on the lack of a two-thirds majority vote.

Seibold resolution disapproving of exhibit of foreign concerns in the city for the purpose of selling goods by the premium method; adopted by majority vote.

Blum resolution reported from the Ladies Tailors' Association, condemning the practice of importers in exhibiting women's clothing at hotels for sale, and asking legislation to bring such dealers under the operation of the license law; referred to the committee on municipal legislation.

Smith resolution providing for a special committee to consider a change in the form of government of the District of Columbia; referred to the committee on law and legislation.

Washington, or would go backward to an insane and useless deliberative body, passing resolutions that effect nothing, and forever talking and talking on to no purpose.

Mr. Moses said he had worked hard as chairman of the committee. He had spent for nearly a year about as much time in working upon his committee as he had in his business. He had brought this subject to the chamber in the hope that it would second his efforts and back them up in a practical way. As a pledge of good faith Mr. Moses said he would never bring to the chamber a proposition to buy stock in any enterprise until he was ready to take himself personally twice the amount of stock he asked the chamber to purchase.

Debate upon the subject was quite brief, but the same objections were presented as was done a month ago, and when the amendment was put to vote a considerable majority was in favor of its adoption, but not the requisite two-thirds, and President Gude declared the resolution lost.

Would Stop Premium Sales.

George Seibold presented a resolution aimed at concerns from other cities which come to Washington, make exhibits of goods, and propose the selling of the product of manufacture through premiums. Smith resolution recommending action to place importers and others from the larger cities who come to the hotels, exhibit women's garments for sale and invite many persons to examine and buy these goods, under the operations of the license of the District. The resolution also contained a recommendation that the license raise through legislation to \$50 a day. The resolution was long and possibly not well understood in its entirety and Mr. Callahan spoke strongly in favor of the project, declaring that it meant much for its business interests, and would forever do away with the stigma now applied to the Capital City that it has no place to house even a small convention.

Would Change City Government.
A subject which aroused considerable interest was reserved to the last twenty minutes of a long session of the chamber. Francis Scott Key-Smith presented a resolution providing for the creation of a special committee to take up the consideration of a change of form in the government of the District of Columbia, and make such report to the chamber as its findings might warrant. Mr. Smith said the resolution was inspired by the remarks of the speakers at the recent dinner given by the business men to President Taft.

Mr. Smith spoke for about twenty minutes upon his resolution very eloquently, entering into some of the reasons which prompted the constitutional convention to adopt the language it did with reference to the government of the District of Columbia. He quoted from the proceedings of the convention, from court decisions in the interpretation of the law, and came to a conclusion somewhat at variance with that of the honored guest at the recent banquet. At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's remarks, the resolution was referred to the committee on law and legislation for consideration, and report.

A buffet luncheon was served after the adjournment of the meeting.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

Washington, Tuesday, May 11, 1909. A reaction to warmer weather has set in in the Middle West, and it is spreading eastward. A heavy rain and weather has overcast the Rocky Mountain region.

The Western storm area advances slowly northward, and will cause local rains in the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and upper Lake region. It will be followed by a change to cooler weather that will overcast the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys by Thursday. In the Eastern and Southern States the weather will be fair with gradually rising temperature during the next forty-eight hours.

The winds along the New England coast will be light to moderate westerly, on the Middle and South Atlantic coasts, moderate westerly, on the Gulf coast light to moderate easterly, on the lower Lakes light and variable, becoming southerly on upper Lakes light to moderate southwesterly. Moderate to brisk east to northeast on Superior.

Storms departing Wednesday for European ports will have little to moderate westerly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 52; 2 a. m., 51; 4 a. m., 45; 6 a. m., 48; 8 a. m., 52; 10 a. m., 56; 12 noon, 56; 2 p. m., 58; 4 p. m., 62; 6 p. m., 66; 8 p. m., 62; 10 p. m., 58. Maximum, 66; minimum, 45.

Relative humidity, 53; wind, S. by E. 5 m. 28. Hours of sunshine, 13.2; per cent of possible sunshine, 52.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 80; minimum, 42.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 5 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m. fall.
Albany, N. C.	52	40	54
Atlanta, Ga.	52	40	54
Baltimore, Md.	52	40	54
Boston, Mass.	52	40	54
Buffalo, N. Y.	52	40	54
Chicago, Ill.	52	40	54
Cincinnati, Ohio	52	40	54
Cleveland, Ohio	52	40	54
Davenport, Iowa	52	40	54
Des Moines, Iowa	52	40	54
Indianapolis, Ind.	52	40	54
Jacksonville, Fla.	52	40	54
Kansas City, Mo.	52	40	54
Little Rock, Ark.	52	40	54
Los Angeles, Cal.	52	40	54
Marquette, Mich.	52	40	54
Memphis, Tenn.	52	40	54
New Orleans, La.	52	40	54
New York, N. Y.	52	40	54
North Platte, Neb.	52	40	54
Omaha, Neb.	52	40	54
Pittsburg, Pa.	52	40	54
Portland, Ore.	52	40	54
Salt Lake City, Utah	52	40	54
St. Paul, Minn.	52	40	54
St. Louis, Mo.	52	40	54
St. Petersburg, Fla.	52	40	54
Springfield, Ill.	52	40	54
Tacoma, Wash.	52	40	54
Vicksburg, Miss.	52	40	54

Tide Table.

Today—High tide, 1.54 a. m. and 1.55 p. m. Low tide, 7.32 a. m. and 8.38 p. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 1.56 a. m. and 2.29 p. m. Low tide, 8.35 a. m. and 9.38 p. m.

Condition of the Water.

Special Agent Washington Herald.
Harvey Perry, W. H. H.—Sherrard and dear and Potomac steady this afternoon.

While you think of it, telephone your Want Ad. to The Washington Herald, and bill will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

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It will pay all our contestants and their many friends to read thoroughly The Washington Herald every morning—both reading matter and advertisements of our patrons—as we have several times mentioned of facts that have been overlooked in the rush. Anyway, be sure and read this write-up, as we often have suggestions to make for your own good, and it is well for every contestant to understand our reasons for doing certain things, and we usually explain them in these columns. This write-up is printed daily for the guidance of every man or woman interested in the contest, and we presume all the candidates entered want to be successful in their ambition to be a winner, or they would not have joined the rank of workers. We aim to encourage the discouraged and strengthen the strong as well as the weak, to assist by arousing the fighting spirit and pointing out possible opportunities.

DISAGREE WITH MR. TAFT.

Petworth Citizens Antagonize His Willard Speech.

At its regular monthly meeting last night in the First Methodist Church, the Petworth Citizens' Association went on record as being opposed to the present form of District government, and a resolution to that effect was passed on motion of G. W. Stose. A copy to be sent to the joint committee of the citizens' associations of the District.

President W. N. Cromwell and E. W. Oyster spoke on the question of a change in government, both of them commending the views expressed by Justice Stafford in his address at the citizens' banquet to President Taft, and declaring that, with all due respect to the President, he was not sufficiently familiar with conditions in the National Capital.

Mr. Cromwell advocated a commission composed of an equal number of members from the business and professional classes, and elected by the citizens. Mr. Oyster said that the present form of government is autocratic.

J. I. Palmer introduced a resolution, which was adopted, urging the early purchase of land before improvements were made, for a park north of Grant circle, and extending to the Soldiers' Home. A committee composed of W. N. Cromwell, H. N. La Duke, and E. W. Oyster was appointed to get a price on the land, and present the matter to the District Commissioners.

Mr. Richards called attention to the lack of street lights in Seventh street, between Taylor and Uppshur streets, and also in Georgia avenue and Randolph street. It was voted to request that lights be placed at these points.

Complaint was made by G. W. Stose of the dangerous condition of many streets and sidewalks. J. C. Suter, R. W. Richards, and C. E. Metzner were elected as members of the association.

SOLVES ISLAND'S TROUBLES.

Senator Depew Introduces Bill to Help Porto Rico.

Senator Depew, of New York, in response to the recommendation by President Taft, in a special message to Congress, yesterday introduced a bill authorizing the payment of the actual expenses of the Porto Rican government from current revenues on auditors' warrants approved by the governor, whenever the Porto Rican assembly fails to make the necessary appropriations.

Mr. Depew is chairman of the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico.

Auto to Run in Contest.

Twenty cars, ranging from anti-horsepower runabout to a 5-horsepower touring car, have been entered in the reliability contest of the Automobile Club of Washington, which is to take place next Saturday. The official list of entries was announced yesterday by John K. Heyl, secretary of the club. At a special meeting at the clubhouse in Georgia avenue to-morrow evening instructions will be given the drivers and observers. The start will be made at 5 o'clock from Fourteenth and Park streets. The route will be through Rockville, Frederick, Hagerstown, Waynesboro, Emmitsburg, Westminster, Conowingo, and back to Washington. The distance is 164.5 miles and must be covered Saturday.

Harry Bowers Missing.

Harry F. Bowers arose from bed at his home, 722 Fifth street northeast, early yesterday morning, dressed, left the house, and disappeared. Relatives have not heard from him or seen him since. The police were asked late last night to search for the man, as it is feared he has met with an accident. His peculiar action has not been explained. Bowers is twenty-seven years old, five feet nine inches tall, and wore a dark suit and a black hat.

Largest Morning Circulation.

SPEAKERS PRAISE MONTGOMERY BLAIR

Tribute to His Services as Postmaster General.

BROUGHT ORDER OUT OF CHAOS

For the First Time in the History of the Nation He Established System Which Resulted in a Surplus at Close of Year—Interesting Session of Columbia Historical Society.

"The public career of Montgomery Blair, particularly with reference to his services as Postmaster General," was the subject of an address last night in the Shoreham Hotel, before the Columbia Historical Society, by Madison Davis.

The speaker referred to the man who reorganized the postal service as being "next to Benjamin Franklin the most remarkable man who ever held the office of Postmaster General." Mr. Davis gave a faithful description of the distraught condition of the department when Mr. Blair took hold of it, of its growing deficits from year to year, its crude methods, and its lack of any promise of improvement.

When Mr. Blair took the office in 1861, the rates of postage to foreign countries were exorbitant and variable. The burden of the civil war made the situation more than ever disorganized.

Praised His Efficiency.

Mr. Davis then spoke in the highest terms of the efficiency and keen knowledge of business administration shown by the new Postmaster General. He told how he cut down the deficit until finally the department was self-supporting, with a surplus to show at the end of the year. It was during Mr. Blair's administration that the first of the international postal conventions was held, through the agency of which the postal rates between the United States and foreign countries have been decreased and made equitable.

John A. Kasson, former Minister to Austria and Germany, to whom Mr. Blair, in a report to Congress, gave the credit for the idea which bore fruit in the international postal conventions, was present, and spoke after Mr. Davis. He told of the beginning of his acquaintance with Mr. Blair, and gave anecdotes illustrating his executive ability and his keen sense of justice.

Justice Job Barnard, of the District Supreme Court, followed with a testimonial to the efficient administration of the mail service to the Union army during the civil war, under the direction of the new Postmaster General. His stories were taken first hand from his personal experiences as a wearer of the blue uniform. By motion it was decided to incorporate the addresses of Mr. Kasson and Justice Barnard in the records of the society with that of Mr. Davis.

Reburial of L'Enfant.

How the Columbia Historical Society gave backbone to the invertebrate idea of digging up the remains of Maj. Pierre Charles L'Enfant, and giving them a fitting resting place, was told by the president, Dr. James Dudley Morgan. He is a grandson of William Dudley Digges, who befriended Maj. L'Enfant, and on whose farm the man who laid out the National Capital, was buried.

Dr. Morgan told of the movement launched by the society to put into operation the clause in the sundry civil bill of 1887, providing for the reinterment of the Frenchman's remains, and declared that if it had not been for the society the remains would not now be resting in Arlington Cemetery. He described graphically the expedition of the party to the farm to exhume the casket, and gave incidents of the ceremonies attending the reburial.

To Mrs. Madison A. Ballinger and Mrs. Charles W. Richardson Dr. Morgan gave credit for the inception of the plan to hold the principal ceremonies in the grounds of the Capitol. As being prominently connected with the movement to honor the memory of the engineer, he is appointed to the position of secretary of the National Association, and Senator A. C. Bacon.

A communication from the National Washington Memorial Association was read, and referred to the building committee, of which Justice Barnard is chairman.

Tribute to Washington.

It announced the plan of the association to build a handsome hall and auditorium in Washington to the memory of George Washington, bearing his name, to be used as a home for literary, scientific, and historical societies. As planned, it will be provided with lecture and committee rooms and will have all the facilities of a permanent meeting place. The communication said the building fund would be raised by \$1 subscriptions, and that \$30,000 was already on hand.

Last night's meeting of the Columbia Historical Society closes the winter season. The next gathering will be on the second Tuesday in November.

SHARPENING PRUNING KNIFE.

Departmental Expense Estimates Being Made with Idea of Reductions.

The heads of the several executive departments are now at work on plans for economy in their respective divisions of the government, and good results are expected when the estimates for the next fiscal year are sent to Congress.

President Taft has assured Congress leaders that he will assist them in keeping down the expenses. In many executive departments the bureaus and division chiefs are at work on their estimates, under instructions to cut everything down as much as possible.

As soon as the estimates are made a new scheme of Cabinet inspection will be tried. There will be subcommittees, composed of members of the Cabinet, to scrutinize the departmental estimates.

President Taft believes that the War Department expenses can be cut down by \$100,000. The cost of the army will also be materially reduced. During his recent trip to Annapolis and Norfolk Secretary Meyer had in mind the necessity of cutting the cost of maintenance. Secretary of War Dickinson is now in Panama and will doubtless return home with many ideas for reduction in expenses on the isthmus.

Thief Ransacks Apartments.

A thief ransacked the apartments of Prof. Frank Boyer, 1406 H street northwest, last night and escaped with nearly \$300 worth of antique jewelry. Prof. Boyer left the apartment at 8 o'clock and returned an hour later. He found the door locked as he had left it.

Finds Negro in Kitchen.

Police of the Ninth precinct are searching for a negro who was discovered in the kitchen of 633 E street northeast by Mrs. E. H. Williams yesterday morning. Mrs. Williams gave the police a description of the thief.



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CACHE OF ROBBERS REVEALED TO GUARD

Sentenced Thief Tells Hiding Place of Jewelry.

LOOT FROM HILTON HOME

Treated Kindly in Prison by James Sellers, a Guard, Henry Johnson Confesses to Him Where He Had Secreted Valuables—Place Is Located After Long Hunt, Near Car Barns.

DIED.

CHANCELLOR—On Tuesday, May 11, 1909, at Newark, Ohio, Miss CAROL LYN W. CHANCELLOR. Interment at Dayton, Ohio, Friday, May 14.

CRAWFORD—Suddenly, on Sunday, May 9, 1909, at 394 Ninth street northeast, E. P. CRAWFORD, beloved son of Maggie and J. R. Crawford. Funeral will take place Wednesday, May 12, at 9 a. m., from his late residence; thence to Holy Name Church, where mass will be said for the repose of his soul. Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

LOCKWOOD—On Sunday, May 9, 1909, JOHN ST. JOHN LOCKWOOD, son of William P. and Alice P. Lockwood, in the seventh year of his age. Funeral (private) from the residence of his parents, 1311 East Capitol street, Wednesday, May 12, at 11 a. m. Interment at Rock Creek Cemetery.

MORRIS—On Tuesday morning, May 11, 1909, at Columbia Hospital, Mrs. BRIDGET MORRIS (nee Ryan), beloved wife of Charles H. Morris. Funeral from Gawler's chapel, 1723 Pennsylvania avenue, at 10 o'clock, Thursday, May 13, at 8:30 a. m.; thence to St. Stephen's Church, Twenty-fifth street and Pennsylvania avenue, where mass will be said at 9 o'clock.

STELLE—Suddenly, on Sunday, May 9, 1909, THOMAS SARGENT STELLE, son of the late Thomas Johnston Stelle, of this city, and husband of Ida Stelle, aged fifty-four years. Funeral Wednesday, May 12, at 3 p. m., from his late residence, 1311 East Capitol street, where mass will be said. Relatives and friends invited. Interment private.

TANCIU—Departed this life Sunday, May 9, 1909, at his residence, 1311 East Capitol street. A. TANCIL, beloved mother of Fannie Tancil Bulver. Funeral from St. John's Baptist Church, Wednesday, April 12, at 5 p. m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. (A. Tancil and Warren papers please copy.)

WOOD—On Tuesday, May 11, 1909, at 630 A. street, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Miller, near Chain Bridge, D. C., Mrs. COLLEEN WOOD, of Dickerson, Md., widow of C. W. Wood.

Interment at Monocacy Cemetery, Montgomery County, Md., Thursday, May 12 (Rockville and Montgomery County papers please copy.)

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